

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges the indication of allowability of dependent claims 3-6 and 8-9.

In response, Applicant amends the claims to include the limitations of claims 3, 5, and 8 in independent form. Applicant also introduces new independent system claims that correspond to the subject matter of the allowable dependent claims.

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of claims 1, 2, and 3. Accordingly, claims 2 and 3 are cancelled. The pending dependent claims are amended to include a missing comma.

New claim 34 includes the limitations of claims 1 and 5. Claims 35-37 correspond to claims 2-4, claim 38 corresponds to claim 6, and claims 39-41 correspond to claims 7-9.

New claim 42 includes the limitations of claims 1, 7, and 8. Claims 43-45 correspond to claims 2-4, claims 46-47 correspond to claims 5-6, and claim 48 corresponds to claim 9.

Applicant further submits new independent system claims that correspond to claims 1, 42, and 34. In particular: new independent system claim 49 includes the limitations of allowed claim 3 and corresponds to amended independent method claim 1; new independent system claim 50 includes the limitations of allowed claim 5 and corresponds to independent method claim 34; and new independent system claim 51 includes the limitations of claim 8 and corresponds to new independent method claim 42.

Conclusion

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment.

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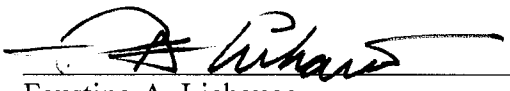
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Nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment. In particular, Applicant amends the claims only to obtain prompt issuance of at least some of the subject matter to which Applicant is entitled.

The excess claims fee for three additional independent claims, in the amount of \$660, is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 50-4189, referencing Attorney Docket No. 30067-127001.

Respectfully submitted,

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